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been thus and perhaps will always be so to some extent, but it would be better if such conduct was discouraged and merit and worth be made the standard for preferment and recognition.

An interesting discussion is being conducted by some Southern papers about Negro emigration, with about the usual results. The Charleston News and Courier favors the measure as a means of solving the race question and thinks it is feasible, while The Memphis Scimitar holds exactly the opposite opinion and claims to represent Southern sentiment on that subject. The Scimitar, in our judgment, has not only the best of the argument but more clearly represents current opinion on the subject. The plan of emigration is entirely impracticable, because it would be a physical impossibility to ever transport the millions of Negroes in this country and their descendants as they would be born as the movement is in progress even if the Negroes themselves thought it advisable and the money for the purpose was provided. Better hunt up some better method than this or let the matter alone.

Now that the General Association has met and completed its labors Kentucky Baptists are looking toward Philadelphia and the National Baptist Convention which will meet in that city September 16th. The outlook for a good attendance is encouraging and we should be delighted to see our State well represented. The Kentucky delegation will leave this city in a special car over the C. & O. Rv. Monday evening, Sept. 14th at 6 o'clock, and would be glad to have other friends join the party. Persons who desire to avail themselves of this privilege may address either Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., or Wm H Steward, Louisville, Ky., for further information and full particulars.

It is well enough to have large representation in our associational meetings, but letters are supposed to be read to and approved by the churches before they are sent to the association, and when this is done that should end the matter. This thing of changing letters after they have been approved by the churches and placing the names of persons on them whom the church did not select and frequently do not know should not be encouraged. It matters not what the reason may be, it is wrong to certify over the signature of the moderator and clerk that certain persons were sent as messengers when it is known that the statement is untrue.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Railroad rates for all persons attending the session of the National Baptist Convention at Philadelphia Pa. September 16-21, 1903, have been arranged with all the passenger Association in the United States. The best rate that can be obtained this year is a fare and one third on certificate plan. All persons must secure certificate at place where they purchase their tickets. The same is to be presented to secretary of the National Baptist Convention as signed by a special agent of the railroads. The agent is to receive 25 cents for each certificate signed by him. The agent will be at the convention September 16-19. Be sure to get a certificate or you will have to pay full fare both ways.

R. C. Morris, Pres.
W. L. Candler, Sec.

Judge Rogers of the U. S. Court in St. Louis has handed down an opinion sustaining the contention of the Western Union Telegraph Company of its right to dismiss employees because they belong to unions and to keep a black list of men dismissed for their own use or given out for the use of others.

The call for educated Negro men who have made a special study of theoretical and practical Agriculture is more pressing than the supply. The demand for such men comes from all parts of the United States and from several foreign countries. The Agricultural Department of the Tuskegee Institute is now prepared to give instruction of a high grade to persons who have finished either common school or college courses. We hope that a large number of such persons will enter this department at Tuskegee this fall. For information as to expenses, etc., apply to President Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee, Alabama.

The Negro has one fatal disease

The Okaloosa Baptist Convention will meet in Okaloosa city September 1-3.

The Mt. Pleasant District Association will meet in Richmond, Ky., next Thursday. The M. & D. meeting will convene Wednesday.

The Colombian Senate has rejected the Panama Canal treaty and it has had a depressing effect upon business interests.

During the fiscal year ending June 30th \$3,952,045 have been paid to pensioners of the Mexican, Indian, Civil and Spanish wars.

The militia at Jackson, Ky., has been reduced to sixty-five men. It is thought that the conditions have so improved in Breathitt county as to make a large force unnecessary.

Rev. J. W. Carr, of Savannah, Ga., has been unanimously called to the pastorate of the Memorial Baptist Church of Homestead, Pa. He has the matter under advisement.

Rev. H. Nutter, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Paris, Ky., has been called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Newport, Ky., but has not accepted as yet, and will give the call a prayerful consideration.

The Republican Convention to nominate a railroad commissioner for the second railroad district has been called to meet in this city September 16th. County Conventions to select delegates will be held September 12th.

Lord Salisbury, former Prime Minister of England, died in London last Saturday evening. He was the last of the great English statesmen of the Victorian era, and he was one of the leading men of his age.

Under the new law in West Virginia, Crockett Garner, a colored prisoner is to be the first one paroled from the penitentiary in that State. The penitentiary board recommends and the governor approves, besides a bond is required and monthly reports must be made.

Jefferson Sanders, the colored man who caused the race riot in New York City early in May, who was terribly beaten after killing two policemen and wounding another in self defense, has been released from custody, the Grand Jury having failed to find an indictment against him.

The Grand Chapter of R. A. M. and the Grand Commandery of K. T. of Indiana was constituted at Wabash, Ind., last Monday evening by R. M. Murray and A. J. Lee representing the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of Kentucky under whose jurisdiction Indiana has been working. There are four Chapters and five Commanderies in the new organizations.

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he is great at kicking down what someone else is trying to raise: he is a past master at fault finding, but is an entered apprentice at up-building. If all the people who are throwing rocks at the Council had been in Louisville, as we were, and using their splendid intellect at short range, the Council would have been made all that they claim it should be; break up the Council, and then what? Nothing except the curses of the growlers for having done so. For our part we shall follow the Council till learned objectors produce something better.—The Advocate.

The crime of lynching, for lynching is a crime, be it remembered—has nowhere been set forth in a more concise and forcible manner than by Mr. Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, who recently said: "Every man who participates in the lynching of a negro is a murderer, pure and simple. Of course, there may be extenuation which might vary the degree of the crime, but the principal participants in the crime can be held by any court in the land for murder in the same degree as if the crime were committed by an individual. There is going to be a reaction against the atrocious crimes with which the papers have been filled."—Standard, Chicago.

A Word From Western Kentucky.

We are still alive and are battling for the cause of the Master. We regretted very much our inability to attend the session of the General Association at Danville this year, but was pleased to know that the meeting was a success. Principals should always be first and individuals considered afterwards. Principals triumphed at the Danville meeting for which the denomination has reasons to "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." I believe that God has raised up John H. Frank to lead the great host of Kentucky Baptists, and I further believe that the wisdom of the great Baptist army was shown in his fourth election as Moderator.

The Pleasant Hill Baptist Church made her quarterly report Sunday, receipts from all sources for the quarter was \$317.65, all indebtedness of the church paid up to date, with \$239.00 in the bank as building fund as we are preparing to erect us a new brick church building. Our people are financially and spiritually alive, we have some of as good a people as ever wore the name of Baptists. The Superintendent of our Sunday School Prof. C. P. Northcross one of our city teachers is a promising young man and a great Baptist, he is one of a few educators who attend every service of the church, taking an interest in the same.

West Kentucky Green River Valley District Association will convene at Woodville McCracken County September 14th, Thursday after the First Sunday in October, with Oak Grove Baptist Church, Rev. R. Gregory pastor, we desire to make this a great session. Respectfully Yours, O. Durrett, Hickman Ky.

Rev. G. E. Scott is now open for engagements to preach in Basket Meetings or otherwise. He may be addressed 1534 W. Kentucky street, city.

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Sunday School Lesson.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6.

DEATH OF SAUL AND JONATHAN.

I Sam. 31:1-13.

Motto Text—"There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."—Prov. 14:12.

Four or five years have passed since our last lesson. Saul repenting lasted but a short time, and he was again pursuing David. And David's faith in God's sovereignty failed, and with it, of course, his courage, his honor and his love for God's people. He joined himself and his six hundred warriors to the worst enemies of Israel, doing thus on a large scale what Benedict Arnold afterwards did. He marched with his men in the army of the Philistines, and had it not been for the contempt of their lords for such a renegade and their refusal to believe that a man who was willing to fight his own people could be true to any one David would have been compelled either to fight against Israel, or to have been guilty of treachery against Achish on the field of battle. His whole course in this thing was base and cowardly, and the Bible does not excuse nor justify nor palliate it. God in his mercy saved David from the crowning act of infamy by sending him away from the battlefield.

"Now the Philistines fought against Israel."—They had come further north than usual to the great plain of Esdraelon, where it is thought they hoped to get control of the route of the caravans to Egypt. They were camped at Shunem, the very spot where Gideon and his three hundred men won their great victory. Saul's army was southeast of them on the slopes of Mt. Gilboa. This plain was also the scene of Barak's great victory. Twice under their judges Israel and won great battle against tremendous odds on this very spot. Now they come again to fight here with the king whom they had chosen for the express reason that he should lead their armies to victory.

"And the men of Israel fled before the Philistines, and fell down slain in Mt. Gilboa."—The army of Israel seems to have been very badly placed from a military point of view. Their line of retreat led over Gilboa. The Israelites seem to have fled in a panic, those who still maintained order rallying a round Saul and his sons. They retreated fighting as they went. Jonathan and Abinadab and Nethishan were killed; one young son was not in the battle. The death of Jonathan is worthy more than a passing notice. He was so brave, so true, so kindly and loving, so wise in the most difficult positions, so altogether noble. From what we are told of him, he was very far superior to David in moral character and in unswerving trust in God. His faith never faltered—he never fled to Achish and offered his services to the Philistines to fight against Israel. There is no stain on the purity of his young manhood. Ane yet he died fighting to save his father and his country on the mountain of Gilboa, and David lived to long years of glory and power. That Saul richly deserved defeat and death, we all feel—but the noble Jonathan! We can only say, as he surely would have said, "It is the Lord, let him do as seemeth him good." "He doeth his will among the armies of heaven, and the inhabitants of earth, and none can stay his hand and say unto him, what doeth thou?" Shall the thing formed say unto him that formed it, why hast thou made me thus?

Yet is there a Christian who, if given his choice, would not prefer also, if as Flaubert thinks, the Jonathan's death to David's? His death was obscure, it would seem

He died fighting bravely for his country, left behind him an unstained name, and took with him to glory a noble and unflinching faith in God. David lived to power and glory and great wealth, but to fall into terrible sin which has given the enemies of the Lord in all ages great occasion to blaspheme; to die at last old, feeble, and suffering after years of awful punishment for his great sin—punishment which brought death an infamy among his children and the keenish anguish to his great loving heart. Who would not have preferred to die with Jonathan than to have lived to weep tears of blood over the bier of Absalom?

"The battle went sore against Paul"—against him personally. The chief attack of the enemy was upon him and his sons, and they had already fallen. Though wounded, he maintained the fight for some time longer, hoping no doubt, to be killed by the enemy. But at last the archers were pressing so closely upon him, he saw he was in danger of being captured and therefore said to his armor-bearer, "Draw thy sword and thrust me through."—The nations in those days were given to torturing prisoners, and it is evident this is what Saul dreaded. For the manner in which he was killed would make no difference in their getting possession of his dead body. "But his armor-bearer would not, for he was afraid."—It was his duty to protect the king's life, and no punishment would be considered so severe for him had he taken it. In fact after Saul had committed suicide by fixing the hilt of his sword in the ground and falling upon it, he was afraid to live and killed himself also.

"So Saul died"—the first suicide of whom we read in Scripture, as Judas was the last. A noble couple, whose example so many fools in this day are found to imitate. "All his men"—means all his personal attendants, no doubt, who fought round their master to the last. Who the people in the adjacent country saw the thoroughness of the defeat, they left their cities and fled in a panic. And well they might—for capture meant either death or being carried off into slavery, as well as the destruction of their property. This verse is a parenthesis telling the alter results of the battle. The narrative then goes back to the scene of Saul's death.

"And it came to pass on the morrow."—Their putting off slapping the slain until the next day shows that Saul and those with him had maintained the fight until late in evening. "And they cut off his head"—a proof of their victory and his death. After it was sent around the cities it was fastened in the temple of Dagon at Ashdod. Ashtaroth was their goddess. It was the custom to hang the spoils of their enemies in the temples of their gods as acknowledging them to be the authors of their victory. "And they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan." Beth-shan was a city which the Canaanites still inhabited, near the battlefield. The bodies of his sons hung there also. "They were hung on the wall that all passers-by might join in exulting over the defeat and disgrace of Israel. Beth-shan is now called Bessan.

Vs 21, 12 and 13.—Forty years before Saul had saved Jabesh-Gilead when besieged by Nahash. The people had never forgotten the energy, skill and bravery he had displayed in coming to their rescue and after so many years they have an opportunity of showing their gratitude. Jabesh-Gilead was a city of Manasseh beyond the Jordan, ten miles from his victorious foes. They went at night in order to surprise the enemy and make sure of securing the bodies. Why they buried the flesh it is hard to say, both the suppositions usually given seeming insufficient. If their object had been to keep the Philistines from recovering the bodies, they would have buried the bones also. If as Flaubert thinks, the Jonathan's death to David's? His death was obscure, it would seem

instead of taking the bones and burying the flesh, they would have buried both under the tree. How noble Saul appeared when first we met him, in what terrible gloom his life went out. Such is the fate of all human goodness tried by the great dangers of prosperity and power, when unassisted by the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit.

Association Meetings in Kentucky for 1903.

- First District S. S. Convention, Paducah, May 21.
- South District Association, Lancaster, June 17.
- Green River Valley S. S. Convention, Central City, June 28.
- Consolidated S. S. Convention, Lexington, June 28.
- Union District S. S. Convention, Bowling Green, June 28.
- Y. M. S. S. S. Convention, Sturgis, June 28.
- Central District S. S. Convention, Carrollton, June 29.
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- W. R. & C. V. S. S. Convention, Glasgow, July 1.
- London District S. S. Convention, Union City, July 15.
- W. K. G. V. S. S. Convention, Bethel School house, Hardwood, July 16.
- First District Association, Union City, July 28.
- Green River Valley S. S. Convention, Western Green Valley S. S. Convention, Howard Creek Association, Southville, July 22.
- South District S. S. Convention, Davidson, July 23.
- Young Men's State Association, New Liberty S. S. Convention, Patsburg, July 24.
- General Association, Danville, August 12.
- Liberty Association, Green River Valley Association, Mt. Pleasant District Association, Richmond S. S. S. Mt. Calvary District Association, Liberty S. S. S. Ad District Association, Louisville, R. p. S. Little R. & C. V. Association, Mt. Zion Callaway co. Sept. 3.
- Zion Association, Union District Association, South Union Sept. 10.
- Liberty R. S. Convention, London District Association, Altoamount Sept 17.
- Howards Creek S. S. Convention, Stamping Ground Sept. 24.
- Baptist Women's Educational Conv'n, Franklin, Oct. 1.
- W. K. C. of L. R. & C. V. Association, Dawson Oct. 18.

BAPTIST WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.

Dear Sisters:

We are preparing to entertain you the 1st of Oct. and hope to have a large representative delegation of the Baptist women of Kentucky. Bring your religion along and let us see that you come up to the full stature of your name. Kindly notify us of your coming in order to save confusion in assigning homes.

Yours in the work.

W. C. Allen,
Pastor Alpha Baptist Church,
Franklin Ky.

NOTICE.

By the resignation of our beloved pastor the Rev. C. G. Fishback, A. M. B. D. July 1st. 1903 our pulpit is now vacant.

The undersigned were appointed as a committee to correspond with various ministers and invite such to appear before the church as they think would meet the approval of the church.

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